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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MICRO TRENCH DUCT PLACEMENT

the specification of which

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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yes no

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yes no

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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